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U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RICARDO HERNANDEZ,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:24-mj-00174-DJA

UNITED STATES' EX PARTE  
APPLICATION TO SEAL  
CRIMINAL COMPLAINT, WRIT OF  
HABEAS CORPUS AD  
PROSEQUENDUM, ARREST  
WARRANT AND APPLICATION

The United States of America, by and through Jason M. Frierson, United States Attorney for the District of Nevada, and Daniel J. Cowhig, Assistant United States Attorney, respectfully moves this Honorable Court for an Order sealing the Complaint, Arrest Warrant, Writ of *Habeas Corpus ad Prosequendum*, applications for each, and the Court's Sealing Order in the above captioned matter until such time as this Court, or another Court of competent jurisdiction, shall order otherwise.

It is necessary to seal the complaint and the related documents in this case because they reveal information connected to ongoing investigations involving both the named defendant and confederates. Public disclosure of the information contained in the complaint may compromise ongoing investigations, risk the safety of victims and

1 witnesses, alert confederates to the existence of the investigations, and permit flight in  
2 order to avoid prosecution. Further, while the named defendant is currently held at the  
3 North Las Vegas Community Correctional Center, were he to be released prior to the  
4 service of the writ, necessitating an arrest on the requested warrant, his prior knowledge of  
5 the complaint and arrest warrant might pose risks to law enforcement officers executing  
6 that arrest.

7 To avoid premature exposure of ongoing investigations, protect the safety of  
8 victims and witnesses, and to facilitate defendant's arrest on the requested warrant, if  
9 necessary, the United States respectfully requests this Honorable Court grant the United  
10 States' motion to seal the Complaint, Arrest Warrant, Writ of *Habeas Corpus ad*  
11 *Prosequendum*, applications for each, and the Court's Sealing Order in the above captioned  
12 matter in accordance with Local Rule IA 10-5 until further order of the Court.  
13 Respectfully submitted this February 16, 2024.

14 JASON M. FRIERSON  
15 United States Attorney

16 /s/ Daniel J Cowhig  
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**SEALING ORDER**

Based on the United States' *ex parte* application, with good cause appearing therefore,

**IT IS ORDERED** that the Criminal Complaint, Arrest Warrant, Writ of *Habeas Corpus ad Prosequendum*, applications for each, and this Court's instant order in the above captioned matter are sealed in accordance with Local Rule IA 10-5 until further order of the Court.

**IT IS SO ORDERED** this February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024.



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THE HONORABLE DANIEL J. ALBREGTS  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE